

Appl. No. 09/940,266
Amdt. AF dated August 24, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action of March 24, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed July 26, 2004. Claims 121-127 and 129-135 are pending, with claims 121 and 128 currently amended and claims 133-135 newly presented. Reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a brief telephone interview with Applicants' attorney, Mark Schroeder, Reg. No. 53,566, on August 12, 2004. The amendments herein were agreed to, including the substitution of the word "cardiac" for "sinus" in several of the claims, and claim revisions directed at overcoming objections to allowable claims. The manner in which standing claim objections were resolved is further explained below.

The Specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 5 of the Final Office Action, claims 123, 124, and 126-128 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all limitations from the base claim and any intervening claims. The above amendments are designed to rewrite the claims in allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's statements in paragraph 5 of the Final Office Action.

More particularly, Applicants have amended claim 121 to incorporate claim 128 such that all previous rejections of claim 121 are believed overcome. Claim 121, along with dependent claims 122-127 and 129 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have added newly presented claim 133, which is former claim 123 rewritten in independent form and incorporating base claim 121 and intervening claim 122. Therefore claim 133 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have also added newly presented claim 134, which is former claim 126 rewritten in independent form and incorporating base claim 121. Therefore claim 134 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have added newly presented claim 135, which is former claim 127 rewritten in independent form and incorporating base claim 121. Therefore claim 135 is also believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Finally, claim 128 has been amended to now depend from allowable claim 133.

In light of the above, each of the objections stated in paragraph 5 are believed overcome, and newly presented claims 133-135 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In paragraph 6 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 130-132 are allowed.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely claims 121-135, are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

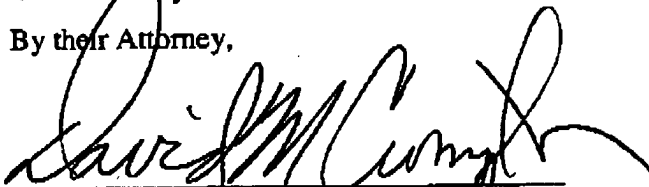
Respectfully submitted,

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